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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group  
FROM:  Chief, Okinawa Bureau  
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## I. GENERAL

Although last spring was one of the wettest in memory, Okinawa is now faced with a water shortage. There has been no significant rainfall since Typhoon Nelson struck Okinawa in early October. Water levels in many of the reservoirs are approaching the 65 percent level, 15-20 percent below normal levels for this time of year. Because the next few months are historically the driest of the year, Japanese authorities have decided to implement nighttime water rationing, the first time in 7 years, beginning 9 January. U.S. military authorities have already asked everyone to conserve water and have limited such high water usage activities as watering lawns and washing cars.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. December was a particularly busy month for the Japanese Unit as the Diet passed six controversial tax reform bills and Japanese television carried live coverage of Prime Minister Takeshita's two press conferences (one on the 9th following the finance minister's resignation and the other on the 28th following his cabinet reshuffle) as well as a 75-minute panel discussion by eight of the new cabinet members. The resignation of the newly appointed justice minister due to his connection with the much publicized stock scandal closed out the month of events. In addition to these domestic events, a great deal of copy, both reportage and comment, was generated by Soviet Foreign Minister Shevardnadze's 18-21 December visit to Japan. All this combined with expanded coverage of current sources to assist Headquarters has made December the unit's most productive month in translated wordage.

2. This was the first month the Russian Unit has had NOVOSTI MONGOLII on coverage and it looks as if it will be a very productive source. It generated one-fourth of the unit's translated output.

3. The Chinese Unit's work assignment schedule has been further revised to provide an extra processing monitor each day. The copy generated by Indian Prime Minister Gandhi's visit to Beijing and Foreign Minister Qian Qichen's visit to Moscow, plus our recently acquired responsibility for cover-to-cover translation of QUNSHI and the GUANGMING RIBAO and LIAOWANG OVERSEAS Edition items faxed from Hong Kong helped compensate for the continued loss of our highly productive XINHUA Domestic Service. Translated wordage for the month again increased registering about 17 percent more than last month's high.

#### B. Communications

Installation of the Skylink equipment and communication circuit was completed in December. On 5 December we attempted to activate the unclass circuit but ran into a number of problems including garbles, end of page setup with printers, and upper and lower case ASCII characters. These were resolved by 12 December when our unclass circuit was fully activated. The Skylink system has been operating with only a few glitches during the rest of the month.

In early December we disconnected the Mode V circuit with ASC Yokota. This was one of two autodin lines we were using. The other line, Mode I, will be retained for the time being.

#### C. Cruising

1. On 5 December, the bureau intercepted a live satellite "TV Bridge" dialogue exchange between Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk Television and Sapporo HBC Television in Russian and Japanese carried on two video carriers off the 140.0E Gorizont satellite. In reporting this unique intercept between Sakhalin and Japan, it was noted that the bureau had not found this relay when earlier in April 1987 Headquarters expressed interest in such relays.

2. In the ongoing process of updating bureau cruising information, it was determined that Quezon City Television (RPN-9) has apparently expanded its transmission time on the 113.0E Palapa satellite from approximately 1 hour to approximately 5 hours. It also now includes another later English newscast at 1400-1430 GMT. The transmission continues to begin with programming in progress but now ends with a formal signoff announcement.

#### D. Lateral Services

In response to a priority request from the BBC, the Cruising Unit provided frequency and reception information on a Yerevan International Service broadcast at 0330-0400 GMT in Armenian and English. Bureau reception of this cast is surprisingly good.

#### E. Technical

1. At mid-month a power supply board in the bureau's Spectral Dynamic SD340 FFT analyzer shorted causing severe damage to the unit. Replacement parts have been requested. Even though poorly designed and outdated, this particular piece of equipment is needed to tune and identify FDM and SCPC signal frequencies. Cruising operations involving the Roset have been hampered by the failure.

2. The bearings in the azimuth motor for the 10 meter ROSET dish also gave out during the month. The motor was removed, disassembled, cleaned, bearings replaced, and reinstalled.

### III. ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Personnel

1. Administrative Officer [ ] became the parents of a son, [ ] born on 20 November.

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2. Senior Engineering Technician [ ] retired on 31 December after more than 33 years of service with the bureau. The occasion was marked by a bureau gathering.

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3. [ ], daughter of [ ] and [ ], arrived delayed PCS on 20 and 19 December respectively.

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4. The bureau was saddened by the news that [ ] former foreman-b at the motor pool, passed away on 4 December after a long illness.

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5. Processing continues to fill two secretarial/communicator positions which will become vacant this summer. Medical appointments have been set up for three applicants.

#### B. Buildings and Grounds

1. A much needed renovation of the playground equipment at the housing site has been completed. The equipment was

scraped of old paint, primed and repainted. Rusted chains and clamps were replaced.

2. The seven storage sheds built for the renovated houses are nearing completion. The contractor has erected the walls, poured the roofs and floors and installed the louvers and aluminum doors. Locks have yet to be installed and the buildings weatherproofed and painted.

#### IV. VISITORS

##### To The Bureau:

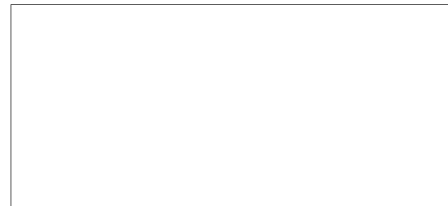
Rocco J. Dryfka and Tomas Keller of the USAF Office of Special Investigations paid a courtesy call to the bureau on 6 December; Lt. Gen. Corns, CG U.S. Army, Japan on 15 December for briefing and tour.

##### From The Bureau:

The Skylink team departed 8 December.

#### V. COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A bureau Christmas Party was jointly hosted by the Bureau Chief, Deputy and Chief Editor or as one wag put it "sloshed at Sonya's, pig out at Pat's and kalories (dessert) at Katie's."



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